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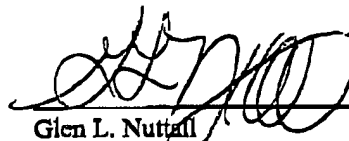
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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2001, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel Claims 4, 5, 6, 10 and 16 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A hand held spray apparatus for removing insects from and cleaning plant leaves, the apparatus comprising:

a substantially rigid tubular handle portion adapted to be connected to a source of pressurized water and having a substantially straight proximal section, a substantially straight distal section having a length of at least about one foot, and a bend point between the proximal and distal sections;

a nozzle portion at a generally distal end of the handle portion, the nozzle portion adapted to direct a flow of the pressurized water to create a substantially planar wall of water directed outwardly about the circumference of the nozzle, the wall of water being